

**REMARKS**

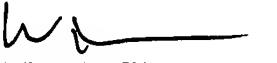
Applicant thanks Examiner Maiorino for extending the courtesy of a personal interview on January 27, 2005 during which agreement was reached that the pending claims distinguish over the cited art. As discussed during the interview, independent claims 1, 29, and 40 are amended to make it clear that the drug release assembly is downstream of the infusion pump.

As agreed during the interview, neither Christiansen nor Thompson disclose such a structure.

In view of the foregoing, and the agreement reached during the interview, the pending application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests early allowance thereof. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney for applicant in the event that such communication is deemed to expedite allowance of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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